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1. There is a serious unemployment problem in North Korea. As a result, the North Korean authorities have been urging the North Korean laborers to work in mines and factories in the USSR and Manchuria. In May 1947, five thousand North Korean laborers were sent by the North Korean authorities to the Harbin area.
2. To take care of the unemployed and destitute in North Korea the North Korean Relief Society (Puk Cho Son Ku Ho Hoo 北朝鮮救護會) was established. It has not been able to do much effective relief work, but has managed to obtain employment in the USSR and Manchuria for North Koreans.

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